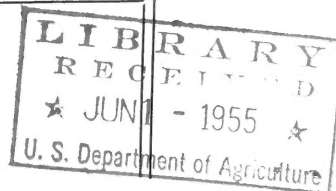


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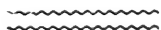


Snapdragons

(Originator's Packets)

Stock

Sweet Peas



Bulbs-Plants-Cuttings
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SNAPDRAGONS

Outstanding Selections

"All Snapdragons Sold in Originator's Packets"

SNOWMAN

(Ball)

A pure white, with a graceful spike.

Trade Packet \$3.50

CHRISTINA

Light pink hybrid. Color deeper than

Mary Ellen.

Trade Packet \$3.50

NEW TIMES

(Pan American)

Early bright deep rose.

Trade Packet \$3.00

BARBARA

Early hybrid bronze

Trade Packet \$3.50

LIBBY

Dark rose pink.

Trade Packet \$3.50

WHIRLAWAY

Light pink slightly deeper than Mary Ellen

Trade Packet \$3.00

PATRICIA

Deep yellow hybrid. Has form of Margaret.

Trade Packet \$3.50

ROCKWOOD HYBRID WHITE No. 5

Good early white.

Trade Packet \$3.50

Quantity prices will be allowed — with a cash discount for cash with order.

All seed is mailed free to any point in the United States.

NOTICE—We do not warrant in any way, expressed or implied the contents or the description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs or plants sold by us, and we will not be in any way responsible for the crop. If the purchaser does not accept these terms, the merchandise must be returned at once, and no sale is made thereof. All advance orders accepted subject to crop failure and any other causes beyond our control. ALL CLAIMS MUST BE MADE 5 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF GOODS.

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SNAPDRAGONS

For Greenhouse Forcing

"All Snapdragon Seed Sold in Originator's Packets"

PINK AND ROSE SHADES

Price Per
Tr. Pkt.

Chevy Chase Pink , pastel pink, darker than Maryland	\$3.50
Christina , new light pink hybrid.....	3.50
Christmas Cheer , originator's seed-early, productive rose pink	3.00
Crusader , light rose pink, similar to Dorcas Jane	3.50
Dorcas Jane , brilliant rose-pink hybrid, 2,000 seeds	2.50
Kathleen , pastel pink, long spike, well placed florets	3.00
Libby , hybrid, dark rose pink.....	3.50
Mary Ellen , hybrid, light clear pink, popular....	2.50
Maryland Pink Imp. , early light pink.....	3.50
Mountain Pink , early medium rose pink.....	3.00
New Times , early bright deep rose.....	3.00
Peggy Schumann , medium deep pink.....	2.00
Pensive , dark rose pink.....	3.50
Pink Star , dark pink.....	3.50
Pompey , light rose pink.....	3.50
Rockwood Pink Supreme , a good color and producer	2.00
Spartan Rose , rose-pink hybrid, flowers with Margaret	3.00
Star Charter , rose pink.....	3.50
Top Flight , light rose pink.....	3.00
Rockwood Early Hybrid Pink , No. 1 good pastel shade	3.50
Whirlaway , light pink, slightly deeper than Mary Ellen	3.50

YELLOW

Day Star , early yellow.....	3.50
Ethel , good producer, early	1.50
Golden Spike , golden-yellow, for late winter and spring	3.50
Gold Mine , deep golden yellow	3.00
Goldrush , new hybrid yellow.....	3.50
Patricia , new hybrid yellow, long spikes, early	3.50
Rockwood Hybrid Yellow , good quality.....	3.00
Seabiscuit , yellow	3.50
Schlegel's Early Yellow , new.....	2.00
War Admiral , early yellow, follows Day Star....	3.50

RED

Price Per
Tr. Pkt.

Navajo , all purpose Red Snap.....	\$3.50
Priscilla Ann , early hybrid crimson.....	3.50
Red Wing , beautiful velvety red.....	3.00
Shisler's Red , wine red, very early.....	2.00

LAVENDER SHADES

Lavender Lady , rosy-lavender, for late winter and spring	3.50
Lavender Rose , excellent color, very late.....	2.00
Schumann's Lavender , good lavender, spring..	2.00
Windmill's Lilac , early.....	2.00

BRONZE SHADES

Afterglow , deep golden bronze.....	1.50
Barbara , new hybrid bronze pink throat, bronze lips	3.50
Bronze Christmas Cheer	2.00
Cavalcade , lively golden bronze.....	3.50
Gallant Fox , deep orange bronze.....	3.50
Gilbert's Bronze Beauty , good color.....	2.00
Glorious , deep reddish copper.....	1.50
Jubilee , light bronze hybrid.....	3.50
Lady Dorothy , copper red.	3.00
Sunbriar , bronze	3.50

WHITE

Apollo , ivory white similar to Margaret.....	3.50
Crystal White , new pure white for late flowering	3.00
Feist's White	2.00
Jet Pilot , medium early paper white.....	3.50
Junglewood White , dazzling white, mid-winter	2.00
Lucky Strike Improved , early white.....	1.50
Margaret , ivory white, good producer.....	2.00
Maryland White , early paper white.....	3.50
Meines Hybrid White , earlier than Margaret....	3.00
Rockwood Early White , early and good grower	2.00
Rockwood Hybrid White No. 5 , good early white	3.50
Schaffroth's White	2.00
Schlegel's White , pure white	1.50
Snowdrift , double white early	3.00
Snowman (Ball's) , pure white.....	3.50
Snow Hybrid , fringed pure white.....	3.00
Spartan White , mid-winter pure white.....	3.00
Tommy Armstrong , pure white, long stem and spike	3.00
Twenty Grand , medium early ivory white.....	3.50

SNAPDRAGONS

For Greenhouse Forcing

"All Snapdragons Sold in Originator's Packets"

YODER BROTHERS HYBRIDS

\$3.50 per packet

WHITE

Jet Pilot, a medium paper white long spikes; similar to White Wonder in form; much greater vigor.

White Knight, Imp. paper white. Medium to long compact spikes, well placed florets. Growth is firmer and less grassy than Snowman and flowers earlier.

IVORY

Apollo, larger flowered and more vigorous than Margaret, similar to that variety.

Citation, earlier than Margaret, Apollo or Twenty Grand. Large ruffled floret. Vigorous and uniform. Compact floret spacing on long spikes.

Twenty Grand, a medium early winter flowering variety.

LAVENDER

Bold Venture, early, uniform, hard stem. Medium floret size. Color is best described as rich lavender.

LIGHT PINK

Rosebud, pastel pink with long spikes and giant sized florets. Color holds well thru April. Strong stems.

Top Flight, earlier than Christina. Nearly identical with that variety in color, floret size and length of spike. Greater vigor and more uniform.

Whirlaway, medium early; large florets; close spacing; long spike; a little deeper color than Mary Ellen.

ROSE PINK

Crusader, color and season that of Dorcas Jane.

Gusto, color somewhat deeper than Mary Ellen. Earlier and more uniform. Florets held close to spike. Ruffled hood.

Pompey, color little deeper than Dorcas Jane. Earlier, more vigor, uniformity of growth and closer floret spacing than Dorcas Jane.

Rowena, light rose pink with medium to long spikes. Flowers ahead of Crusader or Pompey. Bunches well.

ROSE PINK

Star Charter, a wide floret similar to that of Christina; vigorous growth; close spacing of florets. A beautiful flower and an excellent keeper.

Wintergreen, light rose pink of good quality. Good compact spikes. Complete lack of grassiness.

DARK PINK

Pensive, a little later than Christmas Cheer but stronger. Large florets.

Pink Star, early, very large floret. Medium to long spikes. Dark pink with light salmon overcast.

Prestige, lustrous dark pink. A new color in the Yoder Class.

PINK AND ROSE SHADES

Hercules, Light pink for Spring.

Jackpot, Medium deep rose (Sold out until June).

YELLOW

Brokers Tip, deep yellow with medium florets. Little or no side growth. Flowers after Seabiscuit. Well adapted for late flowering.

Day Star, very early; good uniformity; long spike; flower a little small.

Seabiscuit, uniform, vigorous, excellent floret form; follows War Admiral, Patricia and Day Star. Outstanding winter or spring.

War Admiral, just follows Day Star. Closer spacing and somewhat larger florets.

BRONZE

Cavalcade, a lively golden bronze; extremely vigorous, long spikes, outstanding keeper.

Gallant Fox, deep orange bronze, similar in color to Lady Dorothy; much stronger and vigorous; compact floret placement; a little earlier than Barbara.

Sun Briar, lively orange bronze. Very long spike and hard stem, medium height. Very long spike relative to over-all stem length.

RED

Commando, pleasing red, plus earliness. Good novelty.

MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS

CANDYTUFT

Giant Hyacinth Flowered White, superior strain, growing 1½ feet high, excellent strain.

Tr. pkt. 25c; 1 oz. 90c; ¼ lb. \$3.00; 1 lb. \$10.00

CINERARIA

Berlin Market, mixed colors, full bouquets of medium sized flowers.

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1-64 oz. \$2.00; 1-32 oz. \$3.75

Cremer Improved Prize Strain (originator packets), small foliage, tremendous heads of flowers in bright colors.

Tr. pkt. \$1.75; 1-64 oz. \$2.50; 1-32 oz. \$4.50

Multiflora Nana Mixture, small flowers, very dwarf.

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1-32 oz. \$3.00

Multiflora Nana, gold center.

Trade Packet, \$1.25

Siters Rainbow Strain (Re-selected)

Trade pkt. \$2.00; 1-64 oz. \$2.75

DELPHINIUM

Giant Pacific Hybrids:

Blue Bird, clear medium blue, white bee.

Cameliard, pure lavender self, white bee.

Galahad, enormous clear white, white bee.

Guinevere, light pink, lavender self, white bee.

King Arthur, brilliant royal violet, large white bee.

Summer Skies Series, clearest light blue, white bee

Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1-8 oz. \$2.50; ¼ oz. \$4.50

1 oz. \$15.00

Finest Mixture, well balanced mixture of Pacific Giants.

Tr. pkt. \$1.00; 1-8 oz. \$2.00; ¼ oz. \$3.50;

1 oz. \$12.00

Miscellaneous Types:

Blackmore & Langdon Hybrids, good strain.

Tr. pkt. 40c; ¼ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.00

Belladonna Improved (Cliveden Beauty), turquoise blue.

Tr. pkt. 40c; ¼ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.25

Bellamosum Improved, large deep blue.

Tr. pkt. 40c; ¼ oz. \$1.00; 1 oz. \$3.25

Lamartine, deep bright marine blue, good cut flower habit.

Tr. pkt. 55c; ¼ oz. \$1.50; 1 oz. \$5.00

GYPSOPHILA (Baby's Breath) Annual

Covent Garden Strain, pure white.

1 oz. 30c; ¼ lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.50

London Market Improved, taller and later than Covent.

1 oz. 25c; ¼ lb. 75c; 1 lb. \$2.25

LARKSPUR

(Giant Imperial or Base Branching)

Blue Bell, clear mid-blue.

Brilliant Rose (New), deep salmon rose, with brilliant carmine.

Dazzler, rich scarlet.

Gloria Improved, deep salmon rose.

Lilac King, rich lilac, full double.

Miss California, deep rose on salmon.

Pink King, soft shade of salmon rose.

Sweet Lavender, lavender color.

White King, best white.

Finest Mixed, named varieties.

Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 4 oz. \$4.00

1 lb. \$13.00

(Super Majestic), rose pink, bright rose, deep salmon pink, lavender, medium white, large flowered.

Tr. pkt. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 1 lb. \$13.00

Regal Strain, lilac, white, salmon rose.

Tr. pkt. 40c; ½ oz. \$1.10; 1 oz. \$2.00

PANSIES

Englemann's Giant Mixture (originator seed), dark and light shades, huge flowers compact and early flowering.

¼ oz. \$4.00; ½ oz. \$7.00; 1 oz. \$14.00

Roggli Swiss Giant Elite Mixed

Tr. pkt. \$1.50; 1-8 oz. \$3.75; ¼ oz. \$7.00

1 oz. \$22.00

Maple Leaf Giants, large flowering strain.

Tr. pkt. 65c; 1-8 oz. \$1.65; ¼ oz. \$3.00

1 oz. \$10.00

Greenhouse Winter Pansy, tall long-stemmed, giant flowers.

Tr. pkt. \$1.10; 1-16 oz. \$2.00; 1-8 oz. \$3.50

Steele's Butterfly Hybrids—Excellent colors.

1-16 oz. \$2.50; 1-8 oz. \$3.50; ¼ oz. \$5.60

1 oz. \$17.75

Jumbo Mixed—

1-16 oz. \$1.75; 1-8 oz. \$3.35

¼ oz. \$5.50; 1 oz. \$17.75

STOCK

NON BRANCHING

Butterscotch No. 26, good color.

Apricot, large flowered creamy buff.

Dark Blue

Gardenia, shimmering white.

Ball White No. 16

Rose Pink, clear rose pink.

Ruby, crimson red.

Silver Lilac, lilac lavender.

Yellow Wonder, rich creamy yellow.

Tr. pkt. \$1.25; ¼ oz. \$2.75; 1 oz. \$10.00

SWEET PEAS

EARLY OR WINTER FLOWERING

Information for Greenhouse Crops of Early Flowering Sweet Peas

If Sown::	Will Flower
July.....	October to January
August.....	December to February
September.....	February to April
November.....	March to May
December.....	April to June

PINK:

Apollo, light salmon cerise.
American Beauty, American Beauty rose.
Attraction, long stemmed salmon rose.
Ball Rose Improved, cerise pink.
Ball Salmon, coral pink.
Boon, deep coral pink.
Cavalcade, rich golden cerise.
Hiawatha, large flowered rose self.
Jeanne Mamitsch, rich pink.
Josie, excellent producer.
Laddie Improved, long stemmed rose-pink.
Majestic Rose, deep brilliant rose-pink.
Sequoia, golden cerise.
Titania, brighter than Josie.

BLUE:

Ball Blue Supreme.
Blue Bonnet, good clear blue.
Florist Blue, large blue.
Mrs. Herbert Hoover, clear blue.
Princess Blue, light blue.
Tahoe, good dark blue for spring.
Zvolanek, navy blue.

LAVENDER:

Harmony, clear lavender.
Michigan, large lavender.
Triumph, long stemmed.
Twilight, large blooms, long stems.

RED:

Grenadier, dazzling scarlet.
Pride, deep even cerise.
Red Bird, good scarlet.
Sparks, brilliant orange scarlet.

WHITE:

Ball White, large white.
Burpee White, mammoth flowered.
Groff White Beauty, long stems.
Hope Improved, black seeded.
Snow Queen, pure white.
White Harmony, black seeded.

ORANGE:

Ball Orange Improved, deep orange.
Fiesta, brilliant orange cerise.
Treasure Island, sparkling shades of orange.
Valencia, sunproof orange.

Varieties not listed can be supplied—on request.

Prices: 1/2 oz.—35c; 1 oz.—55c; 1/4 lb.—\$1.65; 1 lb.—\$6.00

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MULTIFLOWERED CLASS. A new variety of Sweet Pea, which produces long stems with five or six flowers
Lavender, giant size blooms, long stems.
Orange Cerise, vivid color, large flowers.
Rose, large medium rose flowers.
Salmon Pink, rose pink with tinge of salmon.
Whirlwind, considered the best of the group, light rose.

White, pure white, good for wedding work.

Prices: 1/4 oz. \$1.75; 1 oz. \$3.00; 4 oz. \$10.00; 1 lb. \$35.00

LATE OR SUMMER FLOWERING SWEET PEAS

White
Pink
Lavender

Orange
Red
Blue

1 oz.—40c; 1/4 lb.—\$1.25; 1 lb.—\$4.00

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Sweet Peas (Continued)**SPRING FLOWERING**

(Cuthbertson)

Seed should be sown November 1st, to bloom April.

Carol, clear pink.

Coline, sunproof scarlet.

Danny, navy blue.

David, bright crimson.

Evelyn, salmon cream pink.

Frank G., strong lavender.

Hazel, light blue.

Janet, large black-seeded white.

Jessie, wavy satin mauve.

Katie, rose cream pink.

Lois, rose pink.

Marion, extra long stemmed cream pink.

Tommy, clear medium blue.

 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.—35c;

1 oz.—55c;

 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.—\$1.65;

1 lb.—\$6.00

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FIELD GROWN CARNATIONS

We can supply your needs in Field Grown Carnations for the 1955 Season; clean well branched Field Grown Stock July and later.

Note: Write for prices and further information on Bulbs and Carnations.

SUNDRIES

ELECTRA —Fertilizer—5-10-3 Organic	80 lbs.—	\$6.00
HORMODIN No. 1	1 lb. Tin—	3.00
ROOTONE —a plant Hormone powder for rooting cuttings	1 oz.—\$1.00; 1 lb.—	5.00
PLANTHION —Wettable, 15% (For outdoor use only). Good control on Cyclamen mite on Delphinium, and also for Red Spiders	4 lbs.—	4.75
BUG-GETTA PELLETS —Cutworms, snails, etc.....		2.00

LETHALAIRE

G-52 5% TEPP \$6.50	G-53 5% DDT \$8.50	G-54 10% Parathion \$8.00	G-56 5% HETP \$6.50	G-57 5% Dithiono \$8.00	G-58 10% K6451 \$10.00
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GAS MASK G-3 F D —Complete with Canister, cardboard carton	\$22.50
GAS MASK G-3 F D —Complete with Canister, fibre carrying case	25.00
EXTRA CANISTERS	4.50
LETHALAIRE APPLICATORS —24" with cylinder pack	5 50
36" " " "	6.50
48" " " "	7.00
CUPRINOL GREEN-10 —This wood preservative can be used to protect your frames, seed boxes, benches, flats and stakes.....	1 gal. can—\$4.70; 5 gal. can—\$22.00; 50 gallon drum—\$190.00
CUPRINOL FOR DIPPING	5 gal. can—\$14.25; 50 gallon drum—\$119.25

WATER SOLUBLE FERTILIZER

PETERS SPECIAL FERTILIZERS

20-20-20	Cut Flower Special	25-0-25	Rose Special
15-15-15	Pot Plant Special	40-3-3	Nitrogen Special
20- 5-30	Carnation Special		
25 lbs. —	\$6.00	100 lbs. —	\$20.00

FUMIGANTS, INSECTICIDES, Etc., for Florists

DEENATE 50-W-DuPont DDT Wettable Powder	4 lbs.—\$2.50; 25 lbs.—\$18.75
5% D.D.T. for dusting	5 lb. cans—\$ 1.25
DOW'S "MIKE" SULPHUR DUST	10 lb. bag—\$1.50; case of 6 10-lb. bags—\$ 8.00
FERMATE	3 lbs.—\$2.45; Case (36 lbs.)—\$25.80
PARZATE —Excellent organic fungicide	3 lbs.—\$2.70; case (12 3-lb. bags)—\$31.20
ZERLATE	3 lbs.—\$2.45; Case (36 lbs.)—\$25.80
ARAMITE, 15 W	4 lb. bag—\$ 3.20
OPTOX —Effective insecticide	1 gallon 10% DDT—\$12 00
ORTHOCIDE 50-W	50 lb. drums—\$54.00; 5 lbs.—\$ 5.70
DU PONT SPREADER STICKER —Combined spreader and sticker. Pint — \$1.25	1 gallon — \$8.00
BENZO-FUME PRESSURE FUMIGATORS — 1 case (12 ½-lb. cans)—\$4.25; 1 case (12 1-lb. cans)—\$7.00	
HYPOZENE 70	5 lbs.—\$11.00; 10 lbs.—\$20 00
NICO-FUME PRESSURE FUMIGATORS — 1 case (12 ½-lb. cans)—\$5.50; 1 case (12 1-lb. cans)—\$9.55	
PLANTFUME 103	5,000 cu. ft. carton—36—\$10.50; 20,000 cu. ft. carton—12—\$12.00
TO-NA-CIDE —Patent No. 1941055 5 lbs.—\$1.25; 25 lbs.—\$5.00; 50 lbs.—\$10.50; 100 lbs.—\$20.00	
With 2% DDT	25 lbs.—\$5.50; 50 lbs.—\$11.50; 100 lbs.—\$22.00
VAPOTONE —The new Red Spider spray of Hexaethyl Tetra-Phosphate	1 gallon—\$11.90

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